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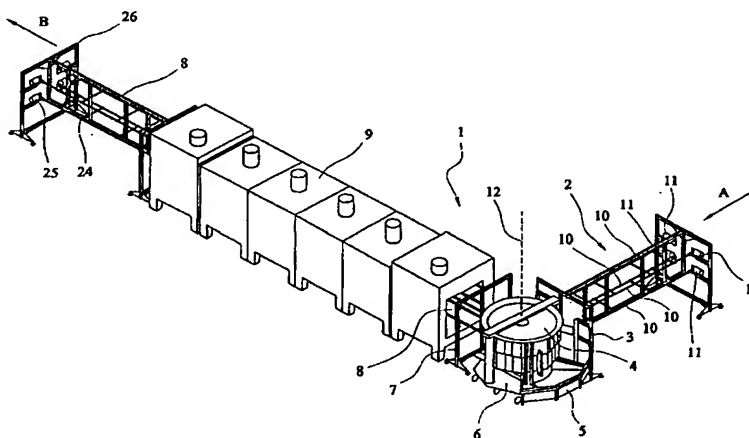
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus (1) for removing adhesive labels from garment hangers includes an input conveyer (2) for receiving garment hangers (not shown) and which terminates in a loading station (3) for loading the hangers onto a rotatable support (4). The support (4) faces a washing station (5), a pre-drying station (6) and an unloading station (7) for unloading hangers from the support (4) onto an output conveyer (8) which passes through an elongate drying chamber (9). The washing station (5) includes four water guns (not shown), each of which directs a thin high pressure and high temperature jet of water at the label area of a hanger in an up and down or side to side motion. The high temperature of the water causes the adhesive of the labels to melt, and the force of the spray removes the label and forces it into a collection chamber at the lower part of the washing station (5), where the water, label and adhesive residue are removed for cleaning.

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